

# The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Monday, December 30, 1728.

From the Universal Spectator, Dec. 21.

London, Decem. 21.

**O**N Sunday and Monday it was currently reported the Chevalier de St. George was dead; but the Advices by the Holland Mail contradict it.

Thursday last there was a general Meeting of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex at Hickshall, to elect by Ballot a Committee of 21 Justices, to meet once a week to suppress Gaming, Street-robberies, Night-houses, &c.

From the Post Boy, Decem. 21.

Paris, Decem. 22. Madam Talon, who lately underwent the Amputation of one of her Breasts, is now out of Danger.

London, Decem. 21. We gave an Account in our Paper of Thursday last, of a Child swallowing a small Quantity of Aquafortis, taking it for a Cordial Liqueur; upon his being carried to an Apothecary, they forced the Child to take down Oil, which happily prevented the Effect of the Poison, and he is now in a fair way of Recovery.

From the London Evening Post, Dec. 21.

Paris, Decem. 22. Some Days ago the Pope's Nuncio, attended by a numerous Retinue, made two Visits to Cardinal de Noailles; the first, as Nuncio, and the 2d, as Archbishop of Athens; to congratulate him on his Acceptation of the Bull *Unigenitus*. And next Day his Eminence returned a Visit to his Excellency.

One Day last Week Mr. Ghedda, Envoy Extraordinary of Sweden to this Court and Plenipotentiary at the Congress of Soissons, married to his 2d Wife a young Swedish Lady, who arrived the same Day for that Purpose.

The King, Queen and the young Princesses are in perfect Health.

Carthagena, Decem. 1. Two Days ago arrived here the *Charming Salley*, Capt. Bagster, from London and Cadix; she was becalmed in the Gutte,

and on the 11th at Night a Moorish Rowboat attempted to board her; but she was soon forced to sheer off, the *Charming Salley* being a Ship of Force, and prepar'd to receive her.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, Dec. 21.

Paris, Decem. 24. On the 19th Instant, when the King of Spain entered the 46th Year of his Age Mr. Barnachea, 3d Plenipotentiary of his Catholick Majesty, gave on that Occasion a splendid Entertainment to several Foreign Ministers and other Persons of Distinction. Warrants have been issued for apprehending the Marshal and his Men who apprehended at Alençon the Valet-de-chambre of the Marquis de Coetlogon, because when they seized him they took from him 22 Louis d'or. 'Tis the Valet de-chambre will shortly be executed, all the Interest made by the Marquis his Master, for obtaining the King's gracious Pardon for that Wretch, having proved ineffectual. The Pastoral Instruction of Cardinal de Noailles will be published some time in Lent, as will the Bull for a Jubilee in the Easter Holidays. As the Pastoral Instruction must be approved by a certain Number of Prelates, upwards of 60 Bishops are already come to Town for that Purpose. Count Kinski, Ambassador of the Emperor to this Court, is daily expected here.

London, Decem. 21. The Gentlewoman who was committed to New Prison Friday last, upon the Information of a Parish Girl, for having persuaded her to go to Bed to a Gentleman, is admitted to Bail, and the Girl committed to Prison, having confessed that she did it at the Instigation of another Woman.

Paris, Decem. 22. One Madam Prevost, who pretended to prophesy of what was to come to pass was arrested a few Days ago by the Lieutenant General de Police.

London, Decem. 21. On Thursday last died at his House in James's street, Westminster, the R.



**Rev. Dr. Whitekenner**, Lord Bishop of Peterborough, one of the Members of the Society for Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and Commissioner for building 50 new Churches. He was Consecrated Bishop of that Diocese in June 1718, being the 5th Year of the late King's Reign.

This Day being St. Thomas's Day, came on the Elections for the Common-Council-Men of this City, when a large Majority fell on those Citizens who have been always remarkable for espousing the *True Interest* of their Fellow Citizens both in Church and State, and whose Integrities are not so be byass'd.

Yesterday his Royal Highness was at the Customhouse Incognito.

We hear the King, with his usual Propensity to laudable and charitable Designs, has given Directions for a Brief, to make a Collection throughout the whole Kingdom for Relief of the City of Copenhagen.

About 50 Officers and others employed in the Customs, have been dismissed and suspended for fraudulent Practices in the Duties of Tobacco.

*From the Evening Post, Decem. 21.*

**Paris, Dec. 22.** Some Days ago 15 Persons who were confined in Fort le Evesque attempted to escape, and had so far saw'd the Iron Bars, that they wanted but two Hours longer to accomplish their Design; one Capt. Bonry an Irishman who was of that Gang, had provided himself with Pistols and a Dagger, he has since been removed to the Prison of St. Martin, and his Comrades to several other Goals. They had poisoned all the Keeper's Dogs. The *Chambre de la Tourneille* has begun the Examination of the several Malefactors now under Commitment in this City, and will resume that Work when the Holy Days are over.

**London, Dec. 21.** On Wednesday last the President and Fellows of the Royal Society waited on Royal Highness Prince Frederick, who received them very graciously; and according to their Desires, subscribed their Book of Laws and Char-

**Dublin, Dec. 10.** We are assured from Armagh, that last Summer, when the Price of Corn and Meal was so very high, that many of the poor

were in a starving Condition, and the Farmers and others who had any to sell, kept it up at an exorbitant Price, till his Grace the Lord Primate of all Ireland, and Archbishop of that Place, was pleased to lay out considerable Sums of Money, both in Charity and buying Oats in other Places, which were brought by Sea to Newry, and thence by Land to Armagh, where they were made into Meal, and sold at low Price in the Markets; that it had a very good Effect in keeping down the Prices thro' that Country, and that his Grace is pleased by his good Example, to encourage a Subscription this Year, which it is believed many worthy Gentlemen will come in, to raise a Fund of about 3 or 4000 C. as a common Stock, to be laid out for Corn, and to be brought up and conveyed to the most necessary Places; which will not only be a very great Relief, but will also disappoint those that design to keep up the Grain to make a Hand of the Necessities of the poor.

We hear, that at the late Feast of the Company of Grocers and Apothecaries, one of the Fraternity devoured a Neats Tongue and Udder, half a Pig, one Duck, and a sufficient Quantity of Apple Pye; and wash'd the same down with a Gallon of Port Wine.

We hear that 25,000 L. will be expended in sitting up Somerset-house.

The late King's Servants that cannot be taken into the Prince's Service, are to have Pensions of 25 L. per annum each settled upon them during Life, and Money advanced for discharging the Debts they have contracted since their being out of Business.

The old Houses and Stabling adjoining to St. James's House, built in the Reign of King Charles the first, together with the Apartment that Prince Frederick now lodges in, are ordered to be taken down, and a new House built on the Spot for his Royal Highness, who, till that shall be finished will reside at Somerset-house.

Yesterday a numerous Body of Quakers went to St. James's to welcome his Royal Highness to England.

On Tuesday last a dead Parrot of a Lady in Rose-street, after lying in State for some Time, was

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was put in the Ground with great Solemnity, in the Pall Mall, in a Place constantly kept by the said Lady, for the Interment of Birds, Dogs, &c. No cost was spared in the Procession, the Attendants on Pall to her last home, having Crapes, Gloves, &c. bestowed on them, and the Lady was consol'd with, suitable to so great a Loss.

*Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Dec. 24.*

*Since our last arrived a Mail from France, and one from Holland.*

**W**E are told, by the good Orders of his Danish Majesty, Provisions at Copenhagen were in Plenty and at a moderate Price there; That Victuals were distributed twice a Week to the Poor, and Cloathing given them, to enable them to withstand the Severity of the Season. Besides which, his Majesty has issued Orders for a general Collection all over the Kingdom; and that such as shall not give voluntarily thereto, a Tax will be laid on their Estates.

And touching their East India Company, we are told the following Orders have been issued to the Directors thereof, viz. To examine, whether the Fort of Tranquebar is well provided with all Necessaries; and whether all who are in the Service of the Company are exactly paid; also to state the Account of the Debts of the Company, and to find out Means for giving a general Satisfaction to the Creditors; and lastly, to consider of Means to make the Company flourish, and give Account what Sums will be requisite for that Purpose.

So that there is no Sign of this Company's being to be suppressed, as hath been insisted upon by Great Britain and Holland: On the contrar, they flatter themselves that these Powers will soon desist from opposing that Company.

We hear that several emigrant Merchants of this City have been wrote to by the Commissioners of Trade and Plantations, to desire, that they will give them the Names of such Persons as they think qualified, to fill the Offices for establishing a Civil Government and Courts of Judicature at Gibraltar. Which is no Sign of its being to be delivered up, as the King of Spain is still said to insist for.

In short, we are told for certain, that several

Plans and Schemes are ready, for making effectual Provision for the Defence of the Kingdom, should there happen to be Occasion for a further Security of its Rights, at home or abroad.

Letters from Paris by the French Mail, make not the least Mention of the Congress, nor of the King of Spain's final Answer being arrived. As to those from Madrid, they only import that his Catholick Majesty enjoys perfect Health; and that the Portugal Ambassador had made pressing Instances for the Exchange of the two Princesses, which 'tis said will be the Beginning of February.

The Letters from Dublin say, That a Proclamation had been published there, for further proroguing the Parliament of that Kingdom to the 17th of April next; That on the 14th Instant they had great Rejoicings there on Account of the Arrival of his Royal Highness Prince Frederick at London. Decreased this Year in their Burials 603.

Private Letters from Cadix by the above Mail, dated the 7th Instant, advise, That all Communication by Land with Gibraltar, is cut off; That the Spaniards were recasting and refounding their Brass Cannon, which were damaged during the late Siege; That they refused to admit any English Men of War or Merchant Ships which came from Gibraltar, to enter their Ports.

Their Excellencies Mr. Stanhope and Mr. Walpole, we hear, were this Day at a close Conference with the Ministers of State.

The King of Prussia's Secretary at this Court has presented a Memorial to his Majesty touching the King of Spain's Pretensions to the Town of Embden.

On the 22d Inst. Mr. Pointz arrived at Paris from Soissons, to carry on the Negotiations at that Court during the Absence of Mr. Stanhope and Mr. Walpole; who 'tis said will return to the Congress the Beginning of February.

The Bishop of Gloucester, we hear, has accepted of the Subdeaconry of Westminster; and that Dr. Litch, Son-in-law to the Abp. of Canterbury, will be made Rector of St. Mary Alderney, in room of the late Bishop of Peterborough.

*From the London Evening Post, Dec. 24.*

*Vienna, Dec. 15.* They continue to tell us, that the Hereditary Prince of Lorraine will shortly be

**declared Arch-Duke of Austria:** And we are assured that Count Coningseck who is now at Madrid in Quality of the Emperor's Ambassador, is appointed his Imperial Majesty's first Plenipotentiary at the Congress of Soissons, in the Place of Count Sinzendorff. Fresh Orders have been sent to the Regiments lately arrived from Hungary in Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia, to march to the Austrian Netherlands. The Report continues, that Prince Eugene of Savoy is to set out the 15th of next Month for Berlin, and for some other of the Courts of Germany; and that he will proceed from thence to the Austrian Netherlands: 'Tis even said that he is to go likewise to the Hague, and we flatter ourselves that this Journey will greatly contribute to the Strengthening of the Peace. Count Stephen Kinski had some Days ago Audience of the Emperor, who appointed him to go in Quality of his Ambassador to the Court of France; but 'tis said his Excellency will not set out till next Spring for Paris.

This Day, it is High Water at Leith, at 9 a Clock, 32 Minutes. Tomorrow, at 10, 20 Min. On Wednesday, at 11, 8 Min.

*Haddington, Decem. 20. 1728.*

Best Wheat, 09 15 00.	2d, 09 00 00.	3d, 08 10 00.
Best Bear, 09 00 00.	2d, 08 16 00.	3d, 08 08 00.
Best Oats, 07 00 00.	2d, 06 16 00.	3d, 06 00 00.
Best Pease, 07, 00 00.	2d, 06 14 00.	3d, 06 00 00.

## ADVERTISEMENT S

By a former Advertisement Notice was given, that the first Capital design'd for erecting an INFIRMARY or HOSPITAL for Sick Poor at Edinburgh, was subscribed for: These do now give Notice, That the Contributors, in a general Meeting on the 16th December Inst, did give Warrant and Directions for providing a convenient House, with proper Servants and Necessaries; To take in some sick Persons, so far as the current Interest of the Stock got in, will defray. THEREFORE 'tis expected, that all Subscribers who have not paid, will pay in their Donations betwixt and Candlemas next, so that neither they, nor the Committee in Management, be put to the Trouble of a legal Course for Recovering the same.

**EDINBURGH:** Printed for Mr. William Rolland, by Mr. Thomas Ruddiman. Sold at the Printing-house; and at Mr. Alex. Symmers's Shop in the Parliament-Close. At both which Places, Advertisements and Subscriptions are taken in.

Whereas severals have been enquiring how they may be supplied with DRYDEN COALS; These are to acquaint, that upon writing a Letter to James Stoddart, Coal-grieve at Dryden, to be left at Mr. Boddie's Shop at the Head of Forester's Wynd, they may be supplied with any Quantity, in Carts or Creels.

\*\*\* That the Lands of CARSKERDO with a convenient Dwelling-house lately built, consisting of seven Fire-rooms with Garrets, and all necessary Office-houses, being eighty Pound Sterling of free Rent, and a four Pound Land of old Extent, holding Taxward of the Crown for Payment of five Pound Sterling of Relief and Marriage, and at the Entry of every Heir, lying in the Parish of Ceres, at two Miles distance from the Firth of Forth, and three Miles from Cowper in Fife, within a convenient Distance from Coal and Peat; Is to be exposed to Sale by a voluntary Roup, upon Friday the 17th of January next, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, in the House of Patrick Herdman Vintner in Edinburgh. The Rental, Progress of the Writs and Articles of Roup are to be seen in the Hands of Alexander Stevenson of Montgreenan, Writer to the Signet, at his Writing Chamber in the Parliament Close.

The Latin School of MUSSELBURGH being now vacant by the Death of the worthy Mr. Laurence Stoddart, The Magistrates and Town Council of the said Burgh, do hereby invite all Persons, who judge themselves duly qualified for that Office, and are willing to undergo a comparative Trial before competent Judges for the same, to attend at the House of Thomas Tod Clerk of Musselburgh, on Saturday the Eighteenth of January next, by ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, in order to their undergoing their said Trial. The Candidates are likewise desired at any Time before, to lodge in the said Clerk's Hands proper Certificates of their past Behaviour. They may expect that Justice will be impartially done them, and the Person preferred shall meet with all due Encouragement from the Magistrates and Council.

To be sold by Roup to the highest Bidder, at Thornhill in the Shire of Drumfries, upon the 16th of February next, a large WOOD of fine old OAK Timber, growing upon the Barony of Keir, about 7 Miles from the Town of Drumfries. The Conditions to be seen in the Hands of John Dalrymple of Waterside, at his House near Thornhill, or John Neillson of Chapel, at his House in Drumfries, or Thomas Goldie Writer to the Signet, at his Writing-chamber in Brounhill's Square, Laun-market, Edinburgh.

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